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- 1. BOTH USBER AND EMBASSY BERLIN HAVE ALLUDED TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE ARE FURTHER MEASURES THAT THE GDR MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE EAST BERLIN MORE FULLY INTO THE GDR (REFTELS C AND D).
- 2. IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE BONN GROUP TO PREPARE BRIEFING PAPERS FOR THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING (REFTEL A), IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE MISSIONS IN BERLIN TO COMPILE A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF THE REMAINING DISTINCTIONS WHICH DEMONSTRATE THAT EAST BERLIN IS NOT YET FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE GDR.
- 3. IN ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS, THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RELEVANT QUESTION MUST BE POSED AS TO WHAT OPTIONS THE GDR HAS LEFT. WE NOTE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE GDR HAS RECENTLY UNDERSCORED ITS POSITION THAT EAST BERLIN IS THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR BY CHANGING THE TITLE OF THE MAGISTRAT FUER GROSS BERLIN. IF THERE ARE STILL MEASURES THE GDR CAN TAKE WHICH AFFECT ONLY EAST BERLIN, THE BONN GROUP ASSESSMENT SHOULD

PRESUMABLY FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH MEASURES AND POSSIBLE WESTERN REACTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE ONLY OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE GDR ARE MORE SERIOUS ONES WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT ALLIED RIGHTS (E.G., INTERFERENCE WITH TRANSIT ROUTES OR FLAG TOURS) OR ONES WHICH GO TO THE HEART OF CURRENT INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS (E.G., SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO BERLIN OR THE GDR), IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO AIM AT FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT THAT OUR RUBICON HAS BEEN REACHED AND TO SEEK SOME TYPE OF COMMITMENT TO ADOPT A UNIFIED POSITION TO COUNTER FUTURE MEASURES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF BERLIN AND USBER COULD PROVIDE A CATALOGUE OF THE REMAINING RELEVANT DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN EAST BERLIN AND THE GDR. STOESSEL

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